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Smart Communities PROGRAM



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WHAT ARE SMART COMMUNITIES?

Smart Communities are communities with a vision of the future that involves the use of information and communication technologies in new and innovative ways to empower their residents, institutions and region as a whole.



Smart Communities make the most of the opportunities that new technologies afford — better health care delivery, improved education and training, and growing businesses.

The challenge for communities in the new millennium is to find ways to maximize both their human resources and technologies to build upon community strengths, solve local problems and empower their citizens. The Smart Communities Program is designed to help communities respond to this challenge.

The Smart Communities Program is a key component of the Government of Canada's Connecting Canadians initiative, whose goal is to make Canada the most connected nation in the world.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about the Smart Communities Program, contact the Smart Communities Directorate at:

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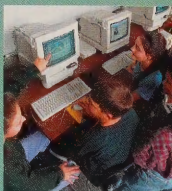
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SMART COMMUNITIES DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

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Demonstration Projects are the central focus of the Smart Communities Program. Selected through a nationwide competition by the year 2000, these 12 communities — one in each province, one in the North and one in an Aboriginal community — will become centres of expertise in the integration of information and communication technologies into communities, organizations and families.



MOVING TOWARDS A SMART NATION

The demonstration projects will provide a powerful catalyst to create Smart Communities across Canada. Their true legacy, however, will be in the development and delivery of strategies, skills, tools and lessons learned for the benefit of all communities seeking to become Smart. Three complementary components of the Smart Communities Program are being developed to help share their experiences.

The **Smart Communities Resource Exchange** is a Web site clearing house of Smart Communities' best practices, applications and technologies as well as a networking arena for sharing experiences, offering expertise and setting up alliances.

The **Smart Communities Tool Kit and Skills Development Program** will provide on-line and in-person training, as well as educational and business development tools. These tools will help communities plan, manage and monitor their initiative.

The **Smart Communities Recognition Program** will provide communities that are not recipients of funding with the opportunity to have their achievements recognized as they move towards the standards of world-class Smart Communities.

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